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## **State Awards \$15 Million in Community Development Block Grant - Regional Housing Awards**

The Department of Administration (DOA) Division of Housing announces that it is awarding \$15 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for regional housing needs. These grants provide resources across Wisconsin to address affordable housing and community development.

“These grants will help families across Wisconsin purchase affordable housing and make needed home improvements” said DOA Secretary Mike Huebsch. “Communities will also be able to use the grants to make improvements in their communities.”

The grants help provide:

- Homebuyer assistance, such as down-payment and eligible closing costs
- Funding to make housing accessibility improvements, including wheelchair ramps and wider doorways
- 0% deferred payment loans for housing improvements to low-and-moderate-income homes
- Owners of low-and-moderate-income rental housing can receive 0% deferred or installment loans for housing improvements
- Conversion of structures into apartments for low-and-moderate-income families
- Neighborhood improvements, such as streets, sidewalks, curb-cuts, and demolition of dilapidated structures to support affordable housing initiatives

Funding for these competitive biannual awards is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Grants were awarded based upon the age of housing in the area, the low-to-moderate income population, unemployment rate, and affordability (or how much of a person’s income has to be paid toward housing costs).

<b>CDBG Regional Housing Awards</b>		
<b>Housing Region</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Northeastern	Brown	\$2,290,000
West Central	Chippewa	\$2,184,000
Southern	Columbia	\$2,422,000
Northwest	Douglas	\$1,933,000
Southwest	La Crosse	\$2,080,000
Northwoods	Langlade	\$2,025,000
Central	Waupaca	\$2,103,000
TOTAL		\$15,037,000

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